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13 **UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT**
14 **FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA**
15 **SAN FRANCISCO DIVISION**

16 JAMES GROSS, individually and on behalf of
all others similarly situated,

17 *Plaintiff,*

18 v.

19 SYMANTEC CORPORATION, a Delaware
corporation, and PC TOOLS, LTD., an Irish
20 limited company,

21 *Defendants.*

Case No. 3:12-cv-00154-CRB

**DECLARATION OF RAFEY S.
BALABANIAN IN SUPPORT OF
FINAL APPROVAL OF CLASS
ACTION SETTLEMENT**

Judge: Honorable Charles R. Breyer

1 Pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1746, I hereby declare and state as follows:

2 1. I am over the age of eighteen and am fully competent to make this declaration. I
3 make this declaration based upon personal knowledge unless otherwise indicated. If called upon to
4 testify to the matters stated herein, I could and would competently do so.

5 2. I am a partner at the law firm of Edelson LLC, which has been retained to represent
6 the named Plaintiff (and Class Representative) in this matter, James Gross.

7 ***After Initial Discussions and Mediation, the Parties Proceed with the Litigation.***

8 3. Prior to the Action being filed, the Parties held an initial meeting (through counsel)
9 during which several attorneys from my firm presented our expert's conclusions about the
10 Software Products and their underlying methodologies, and the Parties otherwise discussed their
11 respective views of the case. Based on those discussions, the Parties agreed that there was at least
12 some potential for an early resolution of the case and therefore, proceeded with an all-day
13 mediation before Judge Ronald M. Sabraw (ret.) of JAMS on January 3, 2012. At the end of the
14 day though, the Parties were unable to reach a resolution and determined to proceed with the
15 litigation.

16 4. Gross filed his original complaint on January 10, 2012, alleging claims solely
17 against Defendant Symantec. (Dkt. 1.) Symantec moved to dismiss the complaint (Dkt. 28), and in
18 lieu of filing an opposition, Plaintiff filed his first amended complaint and named Symantec's
19 wholly owned subsidiary, PC Tools Ltd., as an additional party-defendant. (Dkts. 32-33.)
20 Thereafter, Symantec filed another 12(b)(6) motion to dismiss arguing, *inter alia*, that it was not
21 proper party to the Action, that Plaintiff had failed to properly plead his claims under California
22 law, and that he had also failed to plead fraud under the heightened pleading standard of Federal
23 Rule 9(b). (Dkt. 38.) After full briefing by the Parties, on July 31, 2012, the Court granted
24 Symantec's motion to dismiss the amended complaint, but gave Plaintiff leave to plead additional
25 factual information to support his claims. (Dkt. 49.) Plaintiff ultimately filed his Second Amended
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1 Complaint per the Court's Order (Dkt. 50) and in response, Symantec filed its third motion to
2 dismiss. (Dkt. 51.)¹

3 5. As briefing on Symantec's several motions to dismiss proceeded, Plaintiff also
4 served and Symantec responded to his first set of written discovery requests. The Parties
5 exchanged correspondence and met and conferred regarding Plaintiff's perceived deficiencies in
6 those responses.

7 ***The Parties Kept the Lines of Communication Open, Which Led to a Second Mediation***
8 ***and Settlement.***

9 6. Throughout the litigation, the Parties also kept the lines of communication open
10 and eventually, as a result of their formal discovery, informal exchanges of information and
11 additional discussions between counsel, believed that they had each obtained enough information to
12 appropriately evaluate their respective claims and defenses and make resolution a real possibility.
13 Accordingly, they agreed to proceed with a second mediation before third-party neutral John B. Bates
14 of JAMS (San Francisco) on November 12, 2012. With the assistance of Mr. Bates, the Parties were
15 able to reach an agreement in principle as to the primary terms of a class-wide settlement. After
16 several months of additional negotiation to finalize the ancillary terms of the Settlement, the
17 Parties reduced their Agreement to writing in the form of their Stipulation of Class Action
18 Settlement (the "Agreement") now before the Court.²

19 ***The Court Grants Preliminary Approval of the Proposed Settlement.***

20 7. Plaintiff moved for preliminary approval of the Settlement on March 15, 2013, and the
21 Parties appeared before the Court for the preliminary approval hearing on April 19th. (Dkt. 67.) At the
22 hearing, the Court found that the Agreement was within the range of possible approval in terms of the
23 Settlement Benefits to the Class, the Notice Plan, and the negotiations leading to the Agreement. (Dkt.
24 70 at 2.) But, before granting preliminary approval, the Court requested that the Parties prepare an

25 ¹ Although that motion has now been fully briefed, no argument has been heard and no
26 ruling has been issued by the Court in light of the instant settlement. (Dkts. 52, 54.)

27 ² As previously explained, it was only after the Parties agreed upon the Settlement Benefits
28 to the Class that they negotiated and reached agreement on the amount of Class Counsel's Fee
Award and an incentive award to Plaintiff as Class Representative, both of which are obviously
subject to Court approval.

1 appropriate addendum to the Agreement allowing it the discretion to designate for *cy pres* distribution
 2 a portion of the Settlement Fund equal to or less than the difference between the maximum allowable
 3 Fee Award contemplated by the Agreement and the actual Fee Award ultimately granted (in the event
 4 that it is less than that amount). (Dkt. 68-1 at 2.) Having no objections to the Court's proposal and per
 5 its instructions, the Parties negotiated and executed an Addendum to their Agreement implementing
 6 the potential *cy pres* component and presented it to the Court for consideration. (Dkt. 68-1.) Thereafter,
 7 on May 28th, the Court granted preliminary approval of the Settlement, and set a Final Approval
 8 Hearing for October 4, 2013. (Dkt. 70.)

9 8. Following preliminary approval, the Parties have since implemented the Notice Plan
 10 approved by the Court through the Settlement Administrator and received an overwhelmingly
 11 favorable response from the Settlement Class. On August 6th, the Parties also jointly submitted to the
 12 Court their respective *cy pres* proposals³ and Plaintiff filed his motion for attorneys' fees, costs, and an
 13 incentive award, all of which are currently pending before the Court. (Dkts. 71, 72.)⁴

14 ***The Settlement Warrants Final Approval.***

15 9. Although Plaintiff and Class Counsel are confident in the strength of their claims,
 16 there was a significant risk that ongoing litigation would result in a diminished recovery for the
 17 Class (or no recovery at all). That is, from the outset of the litigation, Defendants and their counsel
 18 have raised vigorous arguments against the claims at issue, including numerous legal challenges
 19 that could have reduced or eliminated their liability—for example, that Symantec could not be
 20 held vicariously liable for the design and marketing practices of PC Tools. Recovery would have
 21 also ultimately turned on the resolution of several complicated factual issues regarding the
 22 underlying source code, design and functionality of the Software Products, which would have
 23 been expensive and time consuming, requiring additional discovery, expert testing and analysis.

24 ³ The same procedure was used in the *LaGarde v. Support.com* matter and the court there
 25 ultimately determined that a *cy pres* distribution in the amount of \$200,000.00 was appropriate.
 26 Nos. 4, 9, Dkt. 58. I believe that would a *cy pres* distribution in that amount would be appropriate
 in this case as well.

27 ⁴ Less than twenty-four hours after their submission to the Court, both Plaintiff's motion for
 28 attorneys' fees and an incentive award, and the Parties' *cy pres* proposals, were posted to
 Settlement Website for review by the Settlement Class.

1 And, even if Plaintiff was successful in overcoming those challenges, given the amount at stake
2 and their reputational interests, Defendants were likely to appeal any decision on the merits,
3 thereby delaying (and making uncertain) any recovery for the Class. These significant risks,
4 weighed against the certainty of relief obtained for the Class through the Settlement, suggest that
5 the Settlement is more than fair, reasonable and adequate. Thus, an \$11 million Settlement Fund is
6 sufficient in size to compensate Class members for the damages they allegedly suffered by
7 overpaying for the Software Products.⁵

8 10. My firm's assessment of the fairness, reasonableness and adequacy of the
9 Settlement is further informed by the Parties' discussions, formal discovery and informal
10 exchanges of information in this case. That is, throughout more than a year and a half of litigation,
11 the Parties here have engaged in a significant amount of both formal discovery, informal exchanges
12 of information and private discussions, negotiations and mediation—not to mention my firm's pre-
13 suit investigation and the Parties' briefing on several substantive motions aimed at testing the
14 sufficiency of Plaintiff's claims and several of Defendants' potential defenses. As a result of those
15 efforts, the Parties have gathered the information necessary to properly evaluate their respective claims
16 and defenses and ultimately, negotiate the Settlement now before the Court. As recognized by the
17 Court's Preliminary Approval Order, the litigation to date and the information available to the Parties
18 suggest that the Settlement is a fair, reasonable and adequate result for the Settlement Class.

19 11. Further, my firm's assessment of the fairness, reasonableness and adequacy of the
20 settlement is informed by our experience litigating consumer class actions of similar size, scope, and
21 complexity, and have been appointed class counsel in numerous other class actions by courts
22 throughout the country. Particularly relevant to this case, my firm has developed a unique and
23 specific set of expertise while prosecuting more than a dozen similar nationwide class actions
24 related to claims against Defendants' industry competitors for their own alleged deceptive design
25 and marketing of utility software products. It was with that experience that we investigated and

26 ⁵ Because Plaintiff does not allege that the Software Products were without any value
27 whatsoever, Class Counsel's analysis suggests that the deceptive design at issue in this case
28 resulted in only a proportional reduction in the value of the Software. Therefore, a return of \$9 for
each Software purchase represents a significant return on the difference between the Software's
actual value and the \$29.99 purchase price.

1 analyzed Plaintiff's and the Class's claims, Defendants' potential defenses, the formal and
2 informal discovery produced by Defendants, and ultimately, negotiated the Parties' Settlement.
3 With all of that in mind and faced with a formidable opposition by defense counsel from a
4 prominent law firm experienced in complex litigation, Class Counsel is confident that the
5 Settlement is an exceptional result for the Settlement Class.

6 ***Attachments.***

7 Attached hereto as Exhibit 2-A is a true and accurate copy of the Firm Resume of Edelson
8 LLC.

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10 I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.

11 Executed this 6th day of September 2013 at Chicago, Illinois.

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13 Rafey S. Balabanian

EXHIBIT 3-A

EDELSON LLC FIRM RESUME

EDELSON LLC is a plaintiff's class action and commercial litigation firm with attorneys in Illinois, Colorado and California.

Our attorneys have been recognized as leaders in these fields by state and federal legislatures, national and international media groups, the courts, and our peers. Our reputation for leadership in class action litigation has led state and federal courts to appoint us lead counsel in many high-profile class action suits, including privacy class actions involving comScore, Netflix, Time, Microsoft, and Facebook, numerous Telephone Consumer Protection Act ("TCPA") against companies such as Google, Twentieth Century Fox, and Simon & Schuster, class actions against Citibank, Wells Fargo, and JP Morgan Chase related to reductions in home equity lines of credit, fraudulent marketing cases against software companies such as Symantec, mobile content class actions against all major cellular telephone carriers, the Thomas the Tank Engine lead paint class actions, and the tainted pet food litigation. We have testified before the United States Senate on class action issues and have repeatedly been asked to work on federal and state legislation involving cellular telephony, privacy and other issues. Our attorneys have appeared on dozens of national and international television and radio programs to discuss our cases and class action and consumer protection issues more generally. Our attorneys speak regularly at seminars on consumer protection and class action issues, lecture on class actions at law schools and are asked to serve as testifying experts in cases involving class action and consumer issues.

PLAINTIFFS' CLASS AND MASS ACTION PRACTICE GROUP

EDELSON LLC is a leader in plaintiffs' class and mass action litigation, with a particular emphasis on consumer technology class actions, and has been called a "class action 'super firm'". (Decalogue Society of Lawyers, Spring 2010.) As recognized by federal courts nationwide, our firm has an "extensive histor[y] of experience in complex class action litigation, and [is a] well-respected law firm[] in the plaintiffs' class action bar." *In re Pet Food Prod. Liab. Litig.*, MDL Dkt. No. 1850, No. 07-2867 (NLH) (D.N.J. Nov. 18, 2008). A leading arbitrator concurred: "The proof of [the firm's] experience, reputation, and abilities is extraordinary. . . . Each [of their cases] elaborates on the experience and unique success [they] have had in achieving leading roles in the area of 'technology consumer protection class actions.'" (Arbitration award in mobile content class action settlement, August 6, 2009)

In appointing our firm interim co-lead in one of the most high profile cases in the country, a federal court pointed to our ability to be "vigorous advocates, constructive problem-solvers, and civil with their adversaries." - *In Re JPMorgan Chase Home Equity Line of Credit Litig.*, No. 10 C 3647 (N.D. Ill, July 16, 2010). After hard fought litigation, that case settled, resulting in the reinstatement of between \$3.2 billion and \$4.7 billion in home credit lines.

We have been specifically recognized as "pioneers in the electronic privacy class action field, having litigated some of the largest consumer class actions in the country on this issue." *In re Facebook Privacy Litig.*, No. C 10-02389 (N.D. Cal) (order appointing the firm interim co-lead of privacy class action); see also *In re Netflix Privacy Litigation*, 5:11-cv-00379 (N.D. Cal. Aug. 12, 2011) (appointing the sole lead counsel due, in part, to its "significant and particularly

specialized expertise in electronic privacy litigation and class actions[.]”)

Similarly, as recognized by a recent federal court, our firm has “pioneered the application of the TCPA to text-messaging technology, litigating some of the largest consumer class actions in the country on this issue.” *Ellison v Steve Madden, Ltd.*, cv 11-5935 PSG (C.D. Cal. May 7, 2013).

We have several sub-specialties within our plaintiffs’ class action practice:

Privacy/Data Loss

Data Loss/Unauthorized Disclosure of Data

We have litigated numerous class actions involving issues of first impression against Facebook, Apple, Netflix, Sony, Red Box, Pandora, Sears, Storm 8, Google, T-Mobile, Microsoft and others involving the failure to protect customers’ private information, security breaches, and unauthorized sharing of personal information with third parties. Representative settlements and ongoing cases include:

- *Dunston v. comScore, Inc.*, No. 11-cv-5807: Lead counsel in certified class action accusing internet analytics company of improper data collection practices.
- *Resnick v Avmed*, No. 10-cv-24513 (S.D.Fl.): Lead counsel in data breach case filed against health insurance company. Obtained landmark appellate decision endorsing common law unjust enrichment theory, irrespective of whether identity theft occurred.
- *In re Netflix Privacy Litigation*, No. 5:11-cv-00379 (N.D. Cal.): Sole lead counsel in suit alleging that defendant violated the Video Privacy Protection Act by illegally retaining customer viewing information. Case resulted in a \$9 million dollar cy pres settlement that has been finally approved (pending appeal).
- *Halaburda v. Bauer Publishing Co.* 12-CV-12831 (E.D. Mich.), *Grenke v. Hearst Communications, Inc.*, 12-CV-14221 (E.D. Mich.), *Fox v. Time, Inc.*, 12-CV-14390 (E.D. Mich.) Consolidated actions brought under Michigan’s Video Rental Privacy Act, alleging unlawful disclosure of subscribers’ personal information. In a ground-breaking decision, the court denied three motions to dismiss finding that the magazine publishers were covered by the act and that the illegal sale of personal information triggers an automatic \$5,000 award to each aggrieved consumer.
- *Standiford v. Palm*, No. 5:09-cv-05719-LHK (N.D. Cal.): Sole lead counsel in data loss class action, resulting in \$640,000 settlement.
- *In re Zynga Privacy Litigation*, 10-cv-04680 (N.D. Cal.): Appointed co-lead counsel in suit against gaming application designer for the alleged unlawful disclosure of its users’ personally identifiable information to

advertisers and other third parties.

- *In re Facebook Privacy Litigation*, 10-cv-02389 (N.D. Cal.): Appointed co-lead counsel in suit alleging that Facebook unlawfully shared its users' sensitive personally identifiable information with Facebook's advertising partners.
- *In re Sidekick Litig.*, No. C 09-04854-JW (N.D. Cal.): Co-lead counsel in cloud computing data loss case against T-Mobile and Microsoft. Settlement provided the class with potential settlement benefits valued at over \$12 million.
- *Desantis v. Sears*, 08 CH 00448 (Cook County, IL): Lead counsel in injunctive settlement alleging national retailer allowed purchase information to be publicly available through the internet.

Telephone Consumer Protection Act

Edelson has been at the forefront to TCPA litigation for over six years, having secured the groundbreaking *Satterfield* ruling in the Ninth Circuit applying the TCPA to text messages. In addition to numerous settlements totaling over \$100 million in relief to consumers, we have over two dozen putative TCPA class actions pending against companies including Santander Consumer USA, Inc., Walgreen Co., Path, Inc., Nuance Communications, Inc., Stonebridge Life Insurance, Inc., UnitedHealth Group, Inc., GEICO, DirectBuy, Inc., and RCI, Inc.. Representative settlements and ongoing cases include:

- *Rojas v CEC*, No. 1:10-cv-05260 (N.D. Ill): Lead counsel in text spam class action that settled for \$19,999,400.
- *In re Jiffy Lube Int'l Text Spam Litig*, No. 11-md-2261, 2012 WL 762888 (S.D. Cal. March 9, 2012): Co-lead counsel in \$35 million text spam settlement.
- *Ellison v Steve Madden, Ltd.*, cv 11-5935 PSG (C.D.Cal.): Lead counsel in \$10 million text spam settlement.
- *Kramer v. B2Mobile, et al*, No. 0-cv-02722-CW (N.D. Cal.): Lead counsel in \$12.2 million text spam settlement.
- *Pimental v. Google, Inc.*, No. 11-cv-02585 (N.D.Cal.): Lead counsel in class action alleging that defendant co-opted group text messaging lists to send unsolicited text messages. \$6 million settlement provides class members with an unprecedented \$500 recovery.
- *Robles v. Lucky Brand Dungarees, Inc.*, No. 10-cv-04846 (N.D.Cal.). Lead counsel in \$10 million text spam settlement.
- *Miller v. Red Bull*, No. 12-CV-04961 (N.D. Ill.) Lead counsel in preliminary approved \$6 million settlement.

- *Woodman et al v. ADP Dealer Services, et al*, 2013 CH 10169 (Cook Cnty Ill.) Lead counsel in \$7.5 million text spam settlement.
- *Lozano v. 20th Century Fox*, No. 09-cv-05344 (N.D. Ill): Lead counsel in class action alleging that defendants violated federal law by sending unsolicited text messages to cellular telephones of consumers. Case settled for \$16 million.
- *Satterfield v. Simon & Schuster*, No. C 06 2893 CW (N.D. Cal.). Co-lead counsel in in \$10 million text spam settlement.
- *Weinstein, et al. v. Airtit2me, Inc.*, Case No. 06 C 0484 (N.D. Ill): Co-lead counsel in \$7 million text spam settlement.

Consumer Technology

Fraudulent Software

In addition to the settlements listed below, Edelson LLC has consumer fraud cases pending in courts nationwide against companies such as McAfee, Inc., Avanquest North America Inc., PC Cleaner, AVG, iolo Technologies, LLC, among others. Representative settlements include:

- *Drymon v. Cyberdefender*, No. 11 CH 16779 (Cook County, IL): Lead counsel in class action alleging that defendant deceptively designed and marketed its computer repair software. Case settled for \$9.75 million.
- *Gross v. Symantec Corp., et al.*, No. 3:12-cv-00154-CRB (N.D. Cal.) Lead counsel in class action alleging that defendant deceptively designed and marketed its computer repair software. Case settled for \$11 million.
- *LaGarde, et al. v. Support.com, Inc., et al.* (N.D. Cal.) Lead counsel in class action alleging that defendant deceptively designed and marketed its computer repair software. Case settled for \$8.59 million.
- *Ledet v. Ascentive LLC* (E.D. Pa.) Lead counsel in class action alleging that defendant deceptively designed and marketed its computer repair software. Case settled for \$9.6 million.
- *Webb, et al. v. Cleverbridge, Inc., et al.* (N.D. Ill.) Lead counsel in class action alleging that defendant deceptively designed and marketed its computer repair software. Case settled for \$5.5 million.

Video Games

Edelson LLC has litigated cases video game related cases against Activision Blizzard Inc., Electronic Arts, Inc., Google, and Zenimax Media, Inc., and has active litigation pending, including:

- *Locke v. Sega of America*, 13-cv-01962-MEJ (N.D. Cal.) Pending putative class action alleging that Sega of America and Gearbox Software released video game trailer that falsely represented the actual content of the game.

Mortgage & Banking

EDELSON LLC has been at the forefront of class action litigation arising in the aftermath of the federal bailouts of the banks. Our suits include claims that the certain banks unlawfully suspended home credit lines based on pre-textual reasons, and that certain banks have failed to honor loan modification programs. We achieved the first federal appellate decision in the country recognizing the right of borrowers to enforce HAMP trial plans under state law. The court noted that "Prompt resolution of this matter is necessary not only for the good of the litigants but for the good of the Country." *Wigod v. Wells Fargo Bank*, N.A., 673 F.3d 547, 586 (7th Cir. 2012) (Ripple, J., concurring). Our settlements have restored billions of dollars in home credit lines to people throughout the country. Representative cases and settlements include:

- *In re JP Morgan Chase Bank Home Equity Line of Credit Litig.*, 10-cv-3647 (N.D. Ill.): Court appointed interim co-lead counsel in nationwide putative class action alleging illegal suspensions of home credit lines. Settlement restored between \$3.2 billion and \$4.7 billion in credit to the class.
- *Hamilton v. Wells Fargo Bank, N.A.*, 4:09-cv-04152-CW (N.D. Cal.). Lead counsel in class actions challenging Wells Fargo's suspensions of home equity lines of credit. Nationwide settlement restores access to over \$1 billion in credit and provides industry leading service enhancements and injunctive relief.
- *In re Citibank HELOC Reduction Litigation*, 09-CV-0350-MMC. Lead counsel in class actions challenging Citibank's suspensions of home equity lines of credit. The settlement restored up to \$653,920,000 worth of credit to affected borrowers.
- *Wigod v. Wells Fargo*, No. 10-cv-2348 (N.D. Ill.): In ongoing putative class action, obtained first appellate decision in the country recognizing the right of private litigants to sue to enforce HAMP trial plans.

General Consumer Protection Class Actions

We have successfully prosecuted countless class action suits against computer software companies, technology companies, health clubs, dating agencies, phone companies, debt collectors, and other businesses on behalf of consumers. In addition to the settlements listed below, Edelson LLC has consumer fraud cases pending in courts nationwide against companies such as Motorola Mobility, Stonebridge Benefit Services, J.C. Penney,

Sempris LLC, and Plimus, LLC. Representative settlements include:

Mobile Content

We have prosecuted over 100 cases involving mobile content, settling numerous nationwide class actions, including against industry leader AT&T Mobility, collectively worth over a hundred million dollars.

- *McFerren v. AT&T Mobility, LLC*, No. 08-CV-151322 (Fulton County Sup. Ct., GA): Lead counsel class action settlement involving 16 related cases against largest wireless service provider in the nation. “No cap” settlement provided virtually full refunds to a nationwide class of consumers who alleged that unauthorized charges for mobile content were placed on their cell phone bills.
- *Paluzzi v. Cellco Partnership*, No. 07 CH 37213 (Cook County, Illinois): Lead counsel in class action settlement involving 27 related cases alleging unauthorized mobile content charges. Case settled for \$36 million.
- *Gray v. Mobile Messenger Americas, Inc.*, No. 08-CV-61089 (S.D. Fla.): Lead counsel in case alleging unauthorized charges were placed on cell phone bills. Case settled for \$12 million.
- *Parone v. m-Qube, Inc.* No. 08 CH 15834 (Cook County, Illinois): Lead counsel in class action settlement involving over 2 dozen cases alleging the imposition of unauthorized mobile content charges. Case settled for \$12.254 million.
- *Williams, et al. v. Motricity, Inc. et al.*, Case No. 09 CH 19089 (Cook County, Illinois): Lead counsel in class action settlement involving 24 cases alleging the imposition of unauthorized mobile content charges. Case settled for \$9 million.
- *VanDyke v. Media Breakaway, LLC*, No. 08 CV 22131 (S.D. Fla.): Lead counsel in class action settlement alleging unauthorized mobile content charges. Case settled for \$7.6 million.
- *Gresham v. Cellco Partnership*, No. BC 387729 (Los Angeles Sup. Ct.): Lead counsel in case alleging unauthorized charges were placed on cell phone bills. Settlement provided class members with full refunds.
- *Abrams v. Facebook, Inc.*, No. 07-05378 (N.D. Cal.): Lead counsel in injunctive settlement concerning the transmission of allegedly unauthorized mobile content.

Deceptive Marketing

- *Van Tassell v. UMG*, No. 1:10-cv-2675 (N.D. Ill): Lead counsel in negative option marketing class action. Case settled for \$2.85 million.
- *McK Sales Inc. v. Discover Bank*, No. 1:10-cv-02964 (N.D. Ill): Lead counsel in class action alleging deceptive marketing aimed at small businesses. Case settled for \$6 million.
- *Farrell v. OpenTable*, No 3:11-cv-01785-si (N.D. Cal.): Lead counsel in gift certificate expiration case. Settlement netted class over \$3 million in benefits.
- *Ducharme v. Lexington Law*, No. 10-cv-2763-crb (N.D. Cal): Lead counsel in CROA class action. Settlement resulted in over \$6 million of benefits to the class.
- *Pulcini v. Bally Total Fitness Corp.*, No. 05 CH 10649 (Cook County, IL): Co-lead counsel in four class action lawsuits brought against two health clubs and three debt collection companies. A global settlement provided the class with over \$40 million in benefits, including cash payments, debt relief, and free health club services.
- *Kozubik v. Capital Fitness, Inc.*, 04 CH 627 (Cook County, IL): Co-lead counsel in state-wide suit against a leading health club chain, which settled in 2004, providing the over 150,000 class members with between \$11 million and \$14 million in benefits, consisting of cash refunds, full debt relief, and months of free health club membership.
- *Kim v. Riscuity*, No. 06 C 01585 (N.D. Ill): Co-lead counsel in suit against a debt collection company accused of attempting to collect on illegal contracts. The case settled in 2007, providing the class with full debt relief and return of all money collected.
- *Jones v. TrueLogic Financial Corp.*, No. 05 C 5937 (N.D. Ill): Co-lead counsel in suit against two debt collectors accused of attempting to collect on illegal contracts. The case settled in 2007, providing the class with approximately \$2 million in debt relief.
- *Fertelmeyster v. Match.com*, No. 02 CH 11534 (Cook County, IL): Co-lead counsel in a state-wide class action suit brought under Illinois consumer protection statutes. The settlement provided the class with a collective award with a face value in excess of \$3 million.

- *Cioe v. Yahoo!, Inc.*, No. 02 CH 21458 (Cook County, IL): Co-lead counsel in a state-wide class action suit brought under state consumer protection statutes. The settlement provided the class with a collective award with a face value between \$1.6 million and \$4.8 million.
- *Zurakov v. Register.com*, No. 01-600703 (New York County, NY): Co-lead counsel in a class action brought on behalf of an international class of over one million members against Register.com for its allegedly deceptive practices in advertising on “coming soon” pages of newly registered Internet domain names. Settlement required Register.com to fully disclose its practices and provided the class with relief valued in excess of \$17 million.

Products Liability Class Actions

We have been appointed lead counsel in state and federal products liability class settlements, including a \$30, million settlement resolving the “Thomas the Tank Engine” lead paint recall cases and a \$32 million settlement involving the largest pet food recall in the history of the United States and Canada. Representative settlements include:

- *Barrett v. RC2 Corp.*, No. 07 CH 20924 (Cook County, IL): Co-lead counsel in lead paint recall case involving Thomas the Tank toy trains. Settlement is valued at over \$30 million and provided class with full cash refunds and reimbursement of certain costs related to blood testing.
- *In re Pet Food Products Liability Litig.*, No. 07-2867 (D. N.J.): Part of mediation team in class action involving largest pet food recall in United States history. Settlement provided \$24 million common fund and \$8 million in charge backs.

Insurance Class Actions

We have prosecuted and settled multi-million dollar suits against J.C. Penney Life Insurance for allegedly illegally denying life insurance benefits under an unenforceable policy exclusion and against a Wisconsin insurance company for terminating the health insurance policies of groups of self-insureds. Representative settlements include:

- *Holloway v. J.C. Penney*, No. 97 C 4555, (N.D. Ill.): One of the primary attorneys in a multi-state class action suit alleging that the defendant illegally denied life insurance benefits to the class. The case settled in or around December of 2000, resulting in a multi-million dollar cash award to the class.
- *Ramlow v. Family Health Plan* (Wisc. Cir. Ct., WI): Co-lead counsel in a class action suit challenging defendant's termination of health insurance to

groups of self-insureds. The plaintiff won a temporary injunction, which was sustained on appeal, prohibiting such termination and eventually settled the case ensuring that each class member would remain insured.

Mass/Class Tort Cases

Our attorneys were part of a team of lawyers representing a group of public housing residents in a suit based upon contamination related injuries, a group of employees exposed to second hand smoke on a riverboat casino, and a class of individuals suing a hospital and national association of blood banks for failure to warn of risks related to blood transfusions. Representative settlements include:

- *Aaron v. Chicago Housing Authority*, 99 L 11738, (Cook County, IL): Part of team representing a group of public housing residents bringing suit over contamination-related injuries. Case settled on a mass basis for over \$10 million.
- *Januszewski v. Horseshoe Hammond*, No. 2:00CV352JM (N.D. Ind.): Part of team of attorneys in mass suit alleging that defendant riverboat casino caused injuries to its employees arising from exposure to second-hand smoke.

The firm's cases regularly receive attention from local, national, and international media. Our cases and attorneys have been reported in the Chicago Tribune, USA Today, the Wall Street Journal, the New York Times, the LA Times, by the Reuters and UPI news services, and BBC International. Our attorneys have appeared on numerous national television and radio programs, including ABC World News, CNN, Fox News, NPR, and CBS Radio, as well as television and radio programs outside of the United States. We have also been called upon to give congressional testimony and other assistance in hearings involving our cases.

GENERAL COMMERCIAL LITIGATION

Our attorneys have handled a wide range of general commercial litigation matters, from partnership and business-to-business disputes, to litigation involving corporate takeovers. We have handled cases involving tens of thousands of dollars to “bet the company” cases involving up to hundreds of millions of dollars. Our attorneys have collectively tried hundreds of cases, as well as scores of arbitrations and mediations.

OUR ATTORNEYS

JAY EDELSON is the founder and Managing Partner of EDELSON LLC. He has been recognized as a leader in class actions, technology law, corporate compliance issues and consumer advocacy by his peers, the media, state and federal legislators, academia and courts throughout the country.

Jay has been appointed lead counsel in numerous state, federal, and international class actions, resulting in hundreds of millions of dollars for his clients. He is regularly asked to weigh in on

federal and state legislation involving his cases. He testified to the U.S. Senate about the largest pet food recall in the country's history and is advising state and federal politicians on consumer issues relating to the recent federal bailouts, as well as technology issues, such as those involving mobile marketing. Jay also counsels companies on legal compliance and legislative issues in addition to handling all types of complex commercial litigation.

Jay has litigated class actions that have established precedent concerning the ownership rights of domain name registrants, the applicability of consumer protection statutes to Internet businesses, and the interpretation of numerous other state and federal statutes including the Telephone Consumer Protection Act and the Video Privacy Protection Act. As lead counsel, he has also secured settlement in cases of first impression involving Facebook, Microsoft, AT&T and countless others, collectively worth hundreds of millions of dollars.

In addition to technology based litigation, Jay has been involved in a number of high-profile "mass tort" class actions and product recall cases, including cases against Menu Foods for selling contaminated pet food, a \$30 million class action settlement involving the Thomas the Tank toy train recall, and suits involving damages arising from second-hand smoke.

In 2009, Jay was named one of the top 40 Illinois attorneys under 40 by the Chicago Daily Law Bulletin. In giving Jay that award, he was heralded for his history of bringing and winning landmark cases and for his "reputation for integrity" in the "rough and tumble class action arena." In the same award, he was called "one of the best in the country" when it "comes to legal strategy and execution." Also in 2009, Jay was included in the American Bar Association's "24 hours of Legal Rebels" program, where he was dubbed one of "the most creative minds in the legal profession" for his views of associate training and firm management. In 2010, he was presented with the Annual Humanitarian Award in recognition of his "personal integrity, professional achievements, and charitable contributions" by the Hope Presbyterian Church. Starting in 2011, he has been selected as an Illinois Super Lawyer and, separately, as a top Illinois class action lawyer by Benchmark Plaintiff.

Jay is frequently asked to participate in legal seminars and discussions regarding the cases he is prosecuting, including serving as panelist on national symposium on tort reform and, separately, serving as a panelist on litigating high-profile cases. He has also appeared on dozens of television and radio programs to discuss his cases. He has taught classes on class action law at Northwestern Law School and The John Marshall Law School, and has co-chaired a 2-day national symposium on class action issues. He has been an adjunct professor, teaching a seminar on class action litigation at Chicago-Kent College of Law since 2010.

Jay is a graduate of Brandeis University and the University of Michigan Law School.

RYAN D. ANDREWS is a Partner at EDELSON LLC, and the Chair of the Telecommunications Practice Group. Mr. Andrews has been appointed class counsel in numerous state and federal class actions nationwide that have resulted in nearly \$100 million dollars in refunds to consumers, including *Satterfield v. Simon & Schuster, Inc.*, No. C 06 2893 CW (N.D. Cal.), *Gray v. Mobile Messenger Americas, Inc.*, No. 08-CV-61089 (S.D. Fla.), *Lofton v. Bank of America Corp.*, No. 07-5892 (N.D. Cal.), *Paluzzi v. Cellco Partnership*, No. 07 CH 37213 (Cook County, Ill.), *Parone v. m-Qube, Inc.* No. 08 CH 15834 (Cook County, Ill.), and *Kramer v. Autobytel*,

Inc., No. 10-cv-2722 (N.D. Cal. 2010).

In addition, Mr. Andrews has achieved groundbreaking court decisions protecting consumers through the application of the Telephone Consumer Protection Act to emerging text-messaging technology. Representative reported decisions include: *Lozano v. Twentieth Century Fox*, 702 F. Supp. 2d 999 (N.D. Ill. 2010), *Satterfield v. Simon & Schuster, Inc.* 569 F.3d 946 (9th Cir. 2009), and *Kramer v. Autobytel, Inc.*, 759 F. Supp. 2d 1165 (N.D. Cal. 2010), *In re Jiffy Lube Int'l Text Spam Litig.*, --- F. Supp. 2d ---, No. 11-md-2261, 2012 WL 762888 (S.D. Cal. March 9, 2012).

Mr. Andrews received his J.D. with High Honors from the Chicago-Kent College of Law and was named Order of the Coif. Recently, Mr. Andrews has returned to Chicago-Kent as an Adjunct Professor of Law, teaching a third-year seminar on Class Actions. While in law school, Mr. Andrews was a Notes & Comments Editor for The Chicago-Kent Law Review, as well as a teaching assistant for both Property Law and Legal Writing courses. Mr. Andrews externed for the Honorable Joan B. Gottschall in the United State District Court for the Northern District of Illinois.

A native of the Detroit area, Mr. Andrews graduated from the University of Michigan, earning his B.A., with distinction, in Political Science and Communications.

Mr. Andrews is licensed to practice in Illinois state courts, the United States District Court for the Northern District of Illinois, the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Seventh Circuit, and the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit.

RAFEY S. BALABANIAN is a Partner and the Chair of the Corporate Governance and Business Litigation Practice Group. Rafey's practice focuses upon a wide range of complex consumer class action litigation, as well as general business litigation.

On the plaintiff's side, Rafey has been appointed lead counsel in numerous class actions, including landmark settlements involving the telecom industry worth hundreds of millions of dollars. Rafey has been appointed Class Counsel in nationwide class action settlements against the major wireless carriers, aggregators, and providers of "mobile content," including *Van Dyke v. Media Breakaway, LLC*, No. 08-cv-22131 (S.D. Fla.); *Parone v. m-Qube, Inc.*, 08 CH 15834 (Cir. Ct. Cook County, Ill.); *Williams v. Motricity, Inc.*, et al., No. 09 CH 19089 (Cir. Ct. Cook County, Ill.); and *Walker v. OpenMarket, Inc.*, et al., No. 08 CH 40592 (Cir. Ct. Cook County, Ill.).

On the business side, Rafey has counseled clients ranging from "emerging technology" companies, real estate developers, hotels, insurance companies, lenders, shareholders and attorneys. He has successfully litigated numerous multi-million dollar cases, including several "bet the company" cases.

Rafey has first chaired jury and bench trials, mediations, and national and international arbitrations.

Rafey received his J.D. from the DePaul University College of Law in 2005. While in law school, he received a certificate in international and comparative law. Rafey received his B.A. in History, with distinction, from the University of Colorado – Boulder in 2002.

STEVEN LEZELL WOODROW is a Partner and Chair of the firm's Banking and Financial Services Practice Group. Mr. Woodrow focuses his practice on complex national class actions against some of the Country's largest financial institutions. Representative matters include cases against national banks and mortgage servicers for improper loan modification practices, unlawful home equity line of credit ("HELOC") account suspensions and reductions, and claims regarding the misapplication of payments.

Mr. Woodrow delivered the winning oral argument in *Wigod v. Wells Fargo Bank, N.A.* (7th Cir. 2012), the first federal appellate court decision to allow borrowers to challenge bank failures to follow the federal Home Affordable Modification Program ("HAMP") under state law.

Courts have also appointed Mr. Woodrow as class counsel in nationwide class action settlements against cellphone companies, aggregators, and mobile content providers related to unauthorized charges for ringtones and other mobile content, including *Paluzzi v. Cellco Partnership*, *Williams et. al. v. Motricity, Inc.*, and *Walker et. al. v. OpenMarket Inc.*

Mr. Woodrow has also served as an Adjunct Professor of Law at Chicago-Kent College of Law where he co-taught a seminar on class actions. Prior to joining the firm, he worked as a litigator at a Chicago boutique where he tried and arbitrated a range of consumer protection and real estate matters.

Mr. Woodrow received his J.D. High Honors, Order of the Coif, from Chicago-Kent College of Law in 2005. During law school, Mr. Woodrow served as a Notes and Comments Editor for The Chicago-Kent Law Review, competed on Moot Court, and served as President of the Student Bar Association. He additionally spent a semester as a judicial extern for the Honorable Ann C. Williams on the United States Court of Appeals for the Seventh Circuit. Steven received the ALI-ABA Scholarship and Leadership Award for best representing the combination of leadership and scholarship in his graduating class as well as the Lowell H. Jacobson Memorial Scholarship, which is awarded competitively each year to a student from one of the law schools in the Seventh Circuit to recognize personal commitment and achievement.

Mr. Woodrow is admitted to practice in Colorado (2011) and Illinois (2005).

Mr. Woodrow received his B.A. in Political Science with Distinction from the University of Michigan—Ann Arbor in 2002.

SEAN P. REIS is Of Counsel to EDELSON LLC. Sean is an experience trial attorney and business litigator. Sean has experience in a wide-range of litigation matters, including those involving trade secrets, real estate fraud, employment, and consumer issues. Sean has tried sixteen cases, including several multi-week jury trials.

Prior to joining EDELSON LLC, Sean was trained at an international law firm and later founded his own practice. In 1993, Sean graduated from University of California at San Diego with a degree in quantative economics. Following that Sean graduated from Rutgers University School of Law, Newark, where he was the business editor of the Rutgers Law Review and where he received the graduation for appellate advocacy.

DAVID DALE is an Associate at EDELSON LLC, where he focuses on plaintiff's privacy class actions and litigation.

David received his J.D., magna cum laude, from the John Marshall School of Law, where he was a member of the Law Review, Trial Advocacy Council, and a Teaching Assistant for Prof. Rogelio Lasso in several torts courses. While in law school, David served as a judicial extern to the Honorable James F. Holderman, Chief Judge of the United States District Court for the Northern District of Illinois.

David attended the University of Missouri, where he graduated with a B.J. in Journalism in 2004. Prior to choosing law school, David worked in the fields of marketing, advertising and public relations for the University of Missouri.

CHRISTOPHER L. DORE is an associate at Edelson and a member of the Technology and Fraudulent Marketing Group. Chris focuses his practice on emerging consumer technology issues, with his cases relating to online fraud, deceptive marketing, consumer privacy, negative option membership enrollment, and unsolicited text messaging. Chris is also a member of the firm's Incubation and Startup Development Group wherein he consults with emergent businesses.

Chris has been appointed class counsel in multiple class actions, including one of the largest text-spam settlements under the Telephone Consumer Protection Act, ground breaking issues in the mobile phone industry and fraudulent marketing, as well as consumer privacy. (*Pimental v. Google, Inc.*, No. 11-cv-02585 (N.D.Cal.); *Kramer v. Autobytel, Inc.* (10-cv-02722-CW); *Turner v. Storm8, LLC*, (09-cv-05234) (N.D. Cal.); *Standiford v Palm, Inc.* (09-cv-05719-LHK) (N.D. Cal.); and *Espinal v Burger King Corporation*, (09-20982) (S.D. Fla.)). In addition, Chris has achieved groundbreaking court decisions protecting consumer rights. Representative reported decisions include: *Claridge v. RockYou, Inc.* 785 F.Supp.2d 855 (N.D. Cal.), *Kramer v. Autobytel, Inc.*, 759 F.Supp.2d 1165 (N.D. Cal.), and *Van Tassell v. United Marketing Group, LLC*, 795 F.Supp.2d 770 (N.D.Ill.). In total, his suits have resulted in hundreds of millions of dollars to consumers.

Prior to joining Edelson, Chris worked for two large defense firms in the areas of employment and products liability. Chris graduated magna cum laude from The John Marshall Law School, where he served as the Executive Lead Articles for the Law Review, as well as a team member for the D.M. Harish International Moot Court Competition in Mumbai, India. Chris has since returned to his alma mater to lecture on current issues in class action litigation and negotiations.

Before entering law school, Chris received his Masters degree in Legal Sociology, graduating magna cum laude from the International Institute for the Sociology of Law, located in Onati, Spain. Chris received his B.A. in Legal Sociology from the University of California, Santa Barbara.

CHANDLER GIVENS is an Associate at EDELSON LLC, where his practice focuses on technology and privacy class actions. His lawsuits have centered on fraudulent software development, unlawful tracking of consumers through mobile devices and computers, illegal

data retention, and data breach litigation.

Chandler leads a group of researchers in investigating complex technological fraud and privacy related violations. His team's research has lead to cases that have helped cause significant reforms to the utility software industry and resulted in tens of millions of dollars to U.S. consumers. On the privacy litigation front, Chandler plays an instrumental role in applying new technologies to federal and state statutes. His briefing of these issues has helped produce seminal rulings under statutes like the Stored Communications Act and establish data breach jurisprudence favorable to consumers.

A frequent speaker on emerging law and technology issues, Chandler has presented to legal panels and state bar associations on topics ranging from data privacy and security to complex litigation and social media. He has been featured on syndicated radio, quoted in major publications such as Reuters and PCWorld, and been an invited Cyberlaw guest lecturer at his alma mater.

Chandler graduated from the University of Pittsburgh School of Law where he was a research assistant for Cyberlaw Professor Dr. Kevin Ashley, and a judicial extern for the Honorable David S. Cercone of the United States District Court for the Western District of Pennsylvania. He graduated cum laude from Virginia Tech, with a B.S. in business information technology, with a focus on computer-based decision support systems. Chandler sits on the ABA committees for Information Security and e-Discovery.

Before joining the legal profession, Chandler worked as a systems analyst. He has also interned at the Virginia Attorney General's Office as well as the U.S. Department of Justice in Washington D.C.

ALICIA HWANG is an Associate at EDELSON LLC. Alicia practices in the area of consumer class action and general litigation.

Alicia received her J.D. from the Northwestern University School of Law in May 2012, where she was an articles editor for the Journal of Law and Social Policy. During law school, Alicia was a legal intern for the Chinese American Service League, served as president of the Asian Pacific American Law Student Association and the Student Animal Legal Defense Fund, and was Chair of the Student Services Committee. She also worked as a student in the Northwestern Entrepreneurship Law Clinic and Complex Civil Litigation and Investor Protection Clinic.

Prior to joining EDELSON LLC, Alicia worked as an Executive Team Leader for the Target Corporation, as well as a public relations intern for a tourism-marketing agency in London.

Alicia graduated magna cum laude from the University of Southern California, earning her B.A. in Communication in 2007. She is a member of the Phi Beta Kappa honor society.

NICK LARRY is an Associate at EDELSON LLC. Nick practices in the area of consumer class action and general litigation.

Nick received his J.D., cum laude, from Northwestern University School of Law, where he was a senior editor of the Northwestern University Journal of International Law and Business.

Nick attended Michigan State University, where he graduated with a B.A. in General Business Administration/Pre-law in 2008 and played on the school's rugby team.

MEGAN LINDSEY is an Associate at EDELSON LLC. Megan practices in the area of consumer class action, focusing on complex class actions in the banking industry.

Prior to joining EDELSON LLC, Megan worked for several years as a commercial loan underwriter and portfolio officer at Merrill Lynch, Pierce, Fenner & Smith. Megan also worked as an analyst in the troubled asset group at Bank of America, helping to monitor and restructure high-risk loans.

Megan received her J.D. from Chicago-Kent College of Law in May 2011. During law school Megan externed for the Honorable Judge Bauer in the Seventh Circuit Court of Appeals and served as Vice President-Evening Division of the Student Bar Association and Vice President of the Moot Court Honor Society. Megan also represented Chicago-Kent at the National First Amendment Moot Court Competition in Nashville, Tennessee and the National Cultural Heritage Law Moot Court Competition in Chicago, Illinois.

Megan graduated with High Honors from DePaul University in July 2005, earning her B.S. in Finance.

DAVID I. MINDELL is an Associate at EDELSON LLC. David practices in the area of technology and privacy class actions.

David has worked on cases involving fraudulent software products, unlawful collection and retention of consumer data, and mobile-device privacy violations. David also serves as a business consultant to private companies at all stages of development, from start-up to exit.

Prior to joining EDELSON LLC, David co-founded several technology companies that reached multi-million dollar valuations within 12 months of launch. David has advised or created strategic development and exit plans for a variety of other technology companies.

While in law school, David was a research assistant for University of Chicago Law School Kauffman and Bigelow Fellow, Matthew Tokson, and for the preeminent cyber-security professor, Hank Perritt at the Chicago-Kent College of Law. David's research included cyberattack and denial of service vulnerabilities of the Internet, intellectual property rights, and privacy issues.

David has given speeches related to his research to a wide-range of audiences.

JOHN OCHOA is an associate at Edelson LLC, focusing his practice on protecting consumers with a special emphasis on plaintiffs' privacy class action litigation, including cases brought under the Telephone Consumer Protection Act. John prosecutes cases in both state and federal courts at the trial and appellate levels.

John has secured important court decisions protecting the rights of consumers, including *Elder v.*

Pacific Bell Telephone Co., et al., 205 Cal. App. 4th 841 (2012), where the California Court of Appeals held that consumers may pursue claims against telecommunications companies for placing unauthorized charges on consumers' telephone bills, a practice known as "cramming." John was also appointed class counsel in *Lee v. Stonebridge Life Ins. Co., et al.*, --- F.R.D. ---, 2013 WL 542854 (N.D. Cal. Feb. 12, 2013), a case where the Defendants are alleged to have caused the transmission of unauthorized text messages to the cellular telephones of thousands of consumers.

He graduated magna cum laude from the John Marshall Law School in May, 2010 and served as Managing Editor for the John Marshall Law Review. His student Comment, which examines bicycling and government tort immunity in Illinois, appears in Vol. 43, No. 1 of the John Marshall Law Review. While in law school, John externed with Judge Thomas Hoffman at the Illinois Court of Appeals, and competed in the ABA National Appellate Advocacy Competition.

John is active in the Illinois legal community, and serves as Co-Chair of the Membership Committee on the Young Professionals Board of Illinois Legal Aid Online (ILAO). ILAO is a non-profit organization committed to using technology to increase access to free and pro bono legal services for underserved communities throughout Illinois.

He received his B.A. with Honors in Political Science from the University of Iowa in 2004.

ROGER PERLSTADT is an Associate at EDELSON LLC, where he concentrates on appellate and complex litigation advocacy. Roger graduated from the University of Chicago Law School, where he was a member of the University of Chicago Law Review. After law school, he served as a clerk to the Honorable Elaine E. Bucklo of the United States District Court for the Northern District of Illinois.

Prior to joining the firm, Roger spent several years at a litigation boutique in Chicago where his practice included employment and housing discrimination claims, constitutional litigation, and general commercial matters. In 2011, he was named a Rising Star by Illinois Super Lawyers Magazine.

Roger also spent time as a Visiting Assistant Professor at the University of Florida Law School where he taught Arbitration, Conflict of Laws, and Employment Discrimination, and has published articles on the Federal Arbitration Act in various law reviews.

EVE-LYNN RAPP is an Associate at EDELSON LLC. Eve-Lynn focuses her practice in the areas of consumer and technology class action litigation.

Prior to joining EDELSON LLC, Eve-Lynn was involved in numerous class action cases in the areas of consumer and securities fraud, debt collection abuses and public interest litigation. Eve-Lynn has substantial experience in both state and federal courts, including successfully briefing issues in both the United States and Illinois Supreme Courts.

Eve-Lynn received her J.D. from Loyola University of Chicago-School of Law, graduating cum laude, with a Certificate in Trial Advocacy. During law school, Eve-Lynn was an Associate Editor of Loyola's International Law Review and externed as a "711" at both the Cook County

State's Attorney's Office and for Cook County Commissioner Larry Suffredin. Eve-Lynn also clerked for both civil and criminal judges (The Honorable Judge Yvonne Lewis and Plummer Lott) in the Supreme Court of New York.

Eve-Lynn graduated from the University of Colorado, Boulder, with distinction and Phi Beta Kappa honors, receiving a B.A. in Political Science.

BENJAMIN H. RICHMAN is an Associate at EDELSON LLC and is a member of the firm's Corporate Governance and Business Litigation Practice Group. He handles plaintiff's-side consumer class actions, focusing mainly on technology-related cases, represents corporate defendants in class actions, and handles general commercial litigation matters.

On the plaintiff's side, Ben has brought industry-changing lawsuits involving the marketing practices of the mobile industry, print and online direct advertisers, and Internet companies. He has successfully prosecuted cases involving privacy claims and the negligent storage of consumer data. His suits have also uncovered complex fraudulent methodologies of Web 2.0 companies, including the use of automated bots to distort the value of consumer goods and services. In total, his suits have resulted in hundreds of millions of dollars to consumers.

On the defense side, Ben has represented large institutional lenders in the defense of employment class actions. He also routinely represents technology companies in a wide variety of both class action defense and general commercial litigation matters.

Ben received his J.D. from The John Marshall Law School, where he was an Executive Editor of the Law Review and earned a Certificate in Trial Advocacy. While in law school, Ben served as a judicial extern to the Honorable John W. Darrah of the United States District Court for the Northern District of Illinois, in addition to acting as a teaching assistant for Prof. Rogelio Lasso in several torts courses. Ben has since returned to the classroom as a guest-lecturer on issues related to class actions, complex litigation and negotiation. He also lectures incoming law students on the core first year curriculums. Before entering law school, Ben graduated from Colorado State University with a B.S. in Psychology.

Ben is the director of EDELSON LLC's Summer Associate Program.

ARI J. SCHARG is an associate at Edelson LLC. He handles technology-related class actions, focusing mainly on cases involving the unlawful geo-location tracking of consumers through their mobile devices, the illegal collection, storage, and disclosure of personal information, fraudulent software products, data breaches, and text message spam. His settlements have resulted in tens of millions of dollars to consumers, as well as industry-changing injunctive relief. Ari has been appointed class counsel by state and federal courts in several nationwide class action settlements, including *Webb v. Cleverbridge, et al.*, 11-cv-4141 (N.D. Ill.), *Missaghi v. Blockbuster*, 11-cv-2559 (D. Minn.), *Ledet v. Ascentive*, 11-cv-294 (E.D. Penn.), and *Drymon v. CyberDefender*, 11 CH 16779 (Cook Cnty, Illinois), and was appointed sole-lead class counsel in *Loewy v. Live Nation*, 11-cv-4872 (N.D. Ill.), where the court praised his work as "impressive" and noted that he "understand[s] what it means to be on a team that's working toward justice." Ari was selected as an Illinois Rising Star (2013) by Super Lawyers.

Prior to joining the firm, Ari worked as a litigation associate at a large Chicago firm, where he represented a wide range of clients including Fortune 500 companies and local municipalities. His work included representing the Cook County Sheriff's Office in several civil rights cases and he was part of the litigation team that forced Craigslist to remove its "Adult Services" section from its website.

Ari is very active in community groups and legal industry associations. He is a member of the Board of Directors of the Chicago Legal Clinic, an organization that provides legal services to low-income families in the Chicago area. Ari acts as Outreach Chair of the Young Adult Division of American Committee for the Shaare Zedek Medical Center in Jerusalem, and is actively involved with the Anti-Defamation League. He is also a member of the Standard Club Associates Committee.

Ari received his B.A. in Sociology from the University of Michigan – Ann Arbor and graduated magna cum laude from The John Marshall Law School where he served as a Staff Editor for The John Marshall Law Review and competed nationally in trial competitions. During law school, he also served as a judicial extern to The Honorable Judge Bruce W. Black of the U.S. Bankruptcy Court for the Northern District of Illinois.

BEN THOMASSEN is an Associate at Edelson LLC. At the firm, Ben's practice centers on the prosecution of class actions cases that address federally protected privacy rights and issues of consumer fraud—several of which have established industry-changing precedent. Among other high profile cases, Ben recently played key roles in delivering the winning oral argument before the United States Court of Appeals for the Eleventh Circuit in *Curry v. AvMed*, 693 F.3d 1317 (11th Cir. 2012) (a data breach case that has, following the Eleventh Circuit's decision, garnered national attention both within and without the legal profession) and securing certification of a massive consumer class in *Dunstan v. comScore*, No. 11 C 5807, 2013 WL 1339262 (N.D. Ill. Apr. 2, 2013) (estimated by several sources as the largest privacy case ever certified on an adversarial basis).

Ben received his J.D., magna cum laude, from Chicago-Kent College of Law, where he also earned his certificate in Litigation and Alternative Dispute Resolution and was named Order of the Coif. At Chicago-Kent, Ben was Vice President of the Moot Court Honor Society and earned (a currently unbroken firm record of) seven CALI awards for receiving the highest grade in Appellate Advocacy, Business Organizations, Conflict of Laws, Family Law, Personal Income Tax, Property, and Torts.

Before settling into his legal career, Ben worked in and around the Chicago and Washington, D.C. areas in a number of capacities, including stints as a website designer/developer, a regular contributor to a monthly Capitol Hill newspaper, and a film projectionist and media technician (with many years experience) for commercial theatres, museums, and educational institutions. Ben received his Bachelor of Arts, summa cum laude, from St. Mary's College of Maryland and his Master of Arts from the University of Chicago.